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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2460

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0975

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC (THOMAS, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CITIZEN IN TRIPOLI PRISON

REF: TRIPOLI 968

1. WE HAVE PRESSED HARD ON BOTH DIRECTORATE OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, REQUESTING ACCESS TO WILLIAM THOMAS IN CENTRAL PRISON. CONSULAR DIRECTOR HAS REFUSED TO GO BEYOND SAYING HE KNOWS NOTHING HE CAN OFFICALLY TELL EMBASSY. HE ASKED FOR ANOTHER NOTE, AND WE HAVE SENT HIM ONE ASSERTING OUR RIGHT TO CONSULAR ACCESS UNDER ARTICLE 36 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE GIVE HIM SOME TIME.

2. PRACTICAL PROBLEM IS THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SEEMS TO HAVE MINIMAL INFLUENCE WITH INTERIOR MINISTRY. HOWEVER, LATTER IS CLEARLY ON WEAK GROUND IN DENYING US ACCESS, AND WE CONTINUE TO HOPE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO LET US VISIT THOMAS.

3. IF THERE IS NO CHANGE IN SITUATION BY AUG 31, RECOMMEND DEPT MAKE HIGH LEVEL APPROACH TO RCC MEMBER AND FONMIN ABDUL MONEIM AL-HUNI IN NEW YORK. HE WILL BE THERE (WITH MFA DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY ALI TRAYKI) ATTENDING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

4. FOR MADRID: PLEASE INFORM MRS. THOMAS WE NOW HAVE INFORMATION THAT HER HUSBAND IS IN PRISON  
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IN TRIPOLI, AND THAT HE IS ALLRIGHT. WE WILL KEEP IN

TOUCH WITH HER THROUGH EMBASSY MADRID.  
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